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Honorable Charles L. Schultze
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schultze:

We wish to review for the record the Agency's position under the enrolled bill H. R. 4845, "To provide for the economic and efficient purchase, lease, maintenance, operation, and utilization of automatic data processing equipment by Federal departments and agencies."

CIA's use of automatic data processing equipment is inextricably involved in the security responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence. The National Security Act of 1947, as amended, provides, in part, as follows:

".... That the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;..."
(50 U. S. C. 401).

Compliance by the Director of Central Intelligence with the full scope of the authorities and responsibilities of the Administrator, GSA, under the enrolled bill, raises a serious question of conflict with the Director's statutory responsibility to protect intelligence sources and methods and data relating to the organization of this Agency.

While the enrolled bill provides the Administrator, GSA, with authority to grant exemptions from the provisions of the bill when it is essential to national defense or national security, we felt that the potential for statutory conflict on the matter warranted clarification in the bill itself.

Although we were unsuccessful in our efforts to accomplish this objective in the House of Representatives and were unable to present our views to the Senate, we are pleased to note that support for exempting the Agency on an administrative basis was highlighted in the House Committee report and during the House and Senate floor discussions.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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